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Tuesday is a day many people in Hoosick Falls have been awaiting for months -- the chance to tell their stories to state officials, after learning their water supply was contaminated with a potentially dangerous, cancer-causing chemical. Barry Wygel has more on the state Senate hearing from Hoosick Falls High School.

HOOSICK FALLS, N.Y. -- People in Hoosick Falls will finally be able to ask state lawmakers about the water contamination crisis during Senate hearings scheduled for Tuesday.

Several Hoosick Falls and Petersburg residents are expected to speak during Tuesday's hearing, as the Senate works to better understand whether the state responded properly to PFOA contamination in the water supply.

During the first session this morning, lawmakers will ask representatives from the DEC and state Health Department questions.

The Health commissioner and the DEC commissioner are scheduled to testify.

Later Tuesday afternoon, the hearings will be open to the public for comment.

Residents hope they will finally get some answers.

Both the Senate and Assembly will hold joint hearings on statewide water quality issues next month.

